

MINUTES
Ashland County Forestry & Recreation Committee
Ashland County Forestry Dept
304 West Michigan St, Butternut, WI 54514
April 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kathy Schutte at 9:00 AM.

Members present: Kathy Schutte, Marty Vitek, Carl Kubley and Pat Daoust.
Member absent - excused - Gary Mertig.

Others present: Recreation Officer-Jim Clapero, County Board Chair-Pete Russo, DNR Forester/Liaison-Sara Stack, DNR Team Lead-Eric Sirrine, Forest Adm-Chris Hoffman, Assist Forest Adm-Matt Schultz, Forester-Jerome Wotachek and Secretary-Marion Pohl.

The minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Pat Daoust, second by Marty Vitek. Motion carried.

Kathy S recognized that this day was the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King. Kathy asked everyone where they were on that day when they heard of the assassination.

Snowmobile/ATV report - Chris H reported that he helped Bill C and his wife Kathy with the new snowmobile trail maintenance reporting system on the computer.

Recreation Officer's report - Jim C reported that he has been at training classes, switching cars for the Sheriff's Dept and putting in radios. Jim said there were no real big issues during the snowmobiling season.

DNR Wildlife Biologist's Report - Sara S reported that Jenna K the Wildlife Biologist is checking on deer yards to see how the deer are fairing. Also Jenna is looking for fresh road kill deer to examine them to see how much fat they have coming out of the winter and any other effects.

DNR Forester's report - Sara S reported that Matt and her were out checking for new timber sales to set up. Sara said she was doing some pre-season fire training and recon work She said there is about 700 acres to mark when the snow melts.

Forest Adm's report - Chris H asked for approval to advertise for truck quotes to get a new truck. A motion was made by Marty Vitek, second by Carl Kubley to approve advertising for truck quotes for a new truck. Motion carried.

Chris gave the Committee the 2017 Annual Report to look over. Chris said the main subject of the report is the timber sale revenue page showing the 10% payment each town received that has county forest in their boundaries. The annual report will be given to the county board at their next meeting. Chris also mentioned that this report is Marion's last report as she is retiring on April 20th after 37 years with the county.

The vouchers were approved and signed with a motion by Marty Vitek, second by Pat Daoust. Motion carried.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the Forestry Dept Office, Butternut, WI.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Pat Daoust, second by Marty Vitek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Submitted by
Marion Pohl